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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Franklin County

In November 2013 the Medical Assistant Program conditionally granted a medical assistant-hemodialysis technician credential to **Barbara Anne Krogness-Bradley** (HT60420437) and ordered her to undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2008 Krogness-Bradley's licensed practical nurse credential was suspended until she could provide proof of being clean and sober for at least two years.

Island County

In November 2013 the Nursing Commission modified a 2012 agreement with registered nurse **Diana Deering** (RN00161768) that places her credential on probation until at least Sept. 24, 2015. Deering must complete continuing education in ethics and must pay a \$1,000 fine. The modification changes her education and employment conditions. Her ability to administer medication is restricted to those cases in which she has direct supervision. In 2011 Deering incorrectly calculated the dosage of a pain medication she administered to a 5-year-old with a brain tumor. The child died.

King County

In November 2013 the Pharmacy Commission entered an agreement with pharmacist **Ponciano F. Bautista** (PH00017744) that extends his probation until June 10, 2015, and requires him to

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complete continuing education in error prevention. He must pay a \$3,000 fine. Bautista has been on probation since 2011. During an unannounced inspection of his pharmacy, unlabeled and uncapped bottles containing medications were left in the work area, and tablets of unknown substances were left out on tables. Other issues include mislabeled medications, labels without required warnings, allowing an unlicensed person inside the pharmacy, and employing a pharmacy technician who returned drugs to stock after they had been sealed into a package. Several boxes full of unused medications were unattended in bubble packs that were supposed to be destroyed after being returned from nursing homes. The pharmacy employed three drivers who lacked active credentials, and didn't maintain the required three-to-one ratio for pharmacy technicians and pharmacists.

In December 2013 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Jarom N. Luu** (DE60024808) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Luu didn't respond to a commission investigator's inquiry after learning of a disciplinary action against his Nevada license.

In December 2013 the Medical Commission charged physician **R. Graham Reedy** (MD00014991) with unprofessional conduct. In 2010 Reedy signed an agreement resolving charges that he inappropriately touched four female patients. The agreement specifies restrictions on Reedy's treatment of female patients. Charges say he violated the restrictions by unnecessarily exposing a patient's genital area, nearly touching her breast without explaining why, not having a female chaperone, not having the patient wear a gown, putting his hands in her shorts without explaining why, putting his hand in her bras without explaining why, hugging her and holding her hand, and telling her, "You have really nice muscular legs."

Kitsap County

In December 2013 the secretary of health ended probation for registered nurse **Nicholas W. Callicoat** (RN00167823).

In December 2013 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Hamidreza Barakhshan** (DE00009257) with unprofessional conduct. Barakhshan allegedly provided substandard treatment to two patients, and didn't adequately document his treatment, proposed treatment, or diagnoses.

Kittitas County

In November 2013 the Nursing Commission reinstated the registered nursing credential of **James Carey Grove** (RN60184741) and ordered him to enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program. Grove's Washington credential was previously suspended when he didn't respond to charges after his California credential was revoked.

Okanogan County

In November 2013 the Medical Commission entered an agreement with physician **William L. Dienst** (MD00025927) that places his license on probation for at least five years and requires him to continue complying with a substance abuse monitoring program. He must pay a \$2,000 fine. Dienst was found smoking marijuana in a hospital call room while he was awaiting test

results for a patient he'd assessed. He admitted using marijuana while on call five to 10 times over the years. In 2011 Dienst entered a plea agreement in court acknowledging possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Pierce County

In November 2013 the Health Care Assistant Program ended probation for health care assistant **Shardae Alexia Cann** (HC60240414).

In November 2013 the Dental Commission charged dentist and dentist general anesthesia permit holder **Kristine Lazar Grace** (DE00008652, GA10000296) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that during an infection control inspection, Grace couldn't produce records to indicate spore tests had been done between August 2009 and March 2013.

Snohomish County

In November 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Svetlana V. Fesko**, also known as Svetlana Karpenko (NA00114042), with unprofessional conduct. The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) found Fesko had neglected a vulnerable adult. DSHS will not allow her to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Spokane County

In November 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registered nursing assistant credential of **Kyle Gerald Boyd Nichols** (NA60187523) and ordered him to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. His credential was suspended in 2011 when he didn't comply with an agreement to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program.

In November 2013 the Nursing Commission ended probation for registered nurse **Anne M. Chamberlin** (RN00136046).

In December 2013 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Richard Dean Weigand** (DE00006078) with unprofessional conduct. Weigand allegedly provided substandard treatment to two patients.

In December 2013 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Jody Marie Dunham** (LP00034245) with unprofessional conduct. Dunham allegedly admitted taking patients' narcotic medications for her personal use.

Yakima County

In November 2013 the Medical Assistant Program entered an agreement with medical assistant **Laura B. Nanez** (CM60377722) that suspended her credential for at least two years. Nanez submitted falsified narcotics prescriptions for herself and falsely identified a physician as the

prescriber about 14 times. Nanez submitted falsified prescriptions for her husband and again falsely identified a physician as the prescriber about eight times.

Out of State

California: In November 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Jon A. Walter** (RN00168014) with unprofessional conduct. Walter allegedly dispensed more controlled substances than he documented administering or disposing of five different times.

New York: In November 2013 the Medical Commission ended a 2003 agreement with physician **Richard P. Paczynski** (MD00038262).

New York: In December 2013 the Medical Commission amended a statement of charges against physician assistant **Kristen A. Gnage** (PA10004830) to delete information about a probationary period in connection with a New York disciplinary action.

Utah: In December 2013 the Medical Commission charged physician **Steven R. Angerbauer** (MD60234433) with unprofessional conduct. Angerbauer treated federal employees at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation between 2011 and 2013. Charges say that in 2011 he met a professional dancer at the Night Moves Gentlemen's Club in Umatilla, OR. Angerbauer allegedly met with and examined her in a restaurant parking lot, at a tattoo shop, and at a gas station. At one point, charges say, the physician asked her for a private dance. For 18 months, Angerbauer allegedly prescribed narcotic medications regularly for the patient, with two breaks while she was in jail. Angerbauer allegedly called-in prescriptions to a pharmacy's voice mail system instead of speaking directly to a pharmacist. When Angerbauer found out a complaint had been made against him, he allegedly stopped treating and prescribing for the patient, and told her not to speak to anyone from the commission. He allegedly gave her money, paid for her to stay in a hotel, offered to pay for her textbooks when she expressed interest in earning a General Educational Development diploma, and gave her food. Charges say Angerbauer didn't adequately examine the patient or create a treatment plan, that he violated pain management rules, and he didn't document her health history. During the commission's investigation, Angerbauer allegedly said he'd prescribed medication for a dozen patients who weren't Hanford employees, without charging them. Charges say he didn't keep records for five such patients.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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